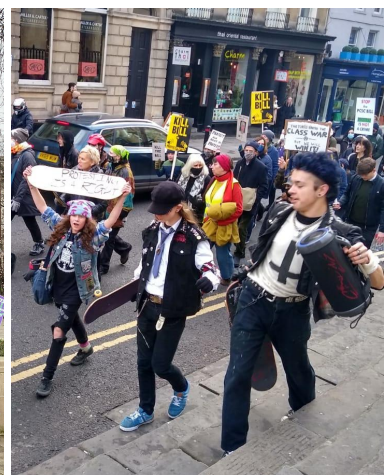


XR BATH JANUARY NEWSLETTER 19 January 2022

NEWSFLASH: PROJECT 3.5 MASS MOBILISATION TRAINING *NOW *** (6pm Weds 19 Jan) AND TOMORROW (Thurs 20 Jan) - info in this newsletter - IN GREEN TEXT! SORRY SUCH LATE NOTICE . .**



🎵🎵🎵 It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life 🎵🎵🎵

And it's a new year, already nearly three weeks in, and a lot to buoy us up. A string of convictions (including Shell HQ and Arms Fair) overturned last year and in the last few weeks XR rebels were acquitted by jury following obstruction of a DLR train in Oct 2019; six more acquitted by jury for a similar offence in April 2019 ("The defendants' motives chimed with the concerns of 12 citizens representative of the wider public," "The jury all agreed the climate crisis requires radical action. This reinforces the importance of both civil disobedience and juries in a healthy democracy.") Colston topplers acquitted; blind paralympian James Brown had his sentence cut by appeal Judges (the "criminal justice system" is "deeply conflicted" over climate crisis protesters); seven Insulate Britain activists (including our own Steve P) given conditional discharges from Judge Dingemans and one other got an early release. And finally our Kill the Bill protests nationwide, on the streets last Saturday and in the run up with endless phone ringing and emailing individual Peers - and all that energy and commitment bore fruit - 14 of the more extreme amendments voted out. <https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/news/extinction-rebellion-activists-hearing-cleared-b1993297.html>

Onwards and upwards, Rebels!!

HOW TO KEEP IN THE LOOP

XR BATH BROADCAST GROUP

If you only join one chat group, this is the one - the [XR BATH BROADCAST](#) group on WhatsApp.

This is where all announcements are made and here you'll find a list of current and upcoming actions and campaigns. And a list of all our various groups, with links to the chat groups.

PAST ACTIONS

DIRTY SCRUBBERS, Chippenham 4 December

Rebels from Bath, Bradford on Avon and Chippenham gave Conservative MP Michelle Donelan's constituency office a thorough and well-deserved scrubbing. Mince pies handed out to local residents and good chats. See this [article](#) for a stream of supportive comments, still being added a month later.

And on [Instagram](#), nearly 1700 likes from people across the globe! "This is the most British protest I've ever seen!" 😊😊.

GREEN OUTREACH HUB, 11 December

The hub had a Christmas theme and was a big success - here's the report from Sue Poole. [REPORT](#)

WESTDOWN QUARRY & ASHAM WOODS, Sunday 9 January

An amazing turnout for the launch of the campaign against this proposed mega quarry near Frome - around 150 people from a wide range of groups turned up for a guided walk and soup provided by Bath rebels Jenny and Adrienne. This will be an important campaign for XR Bath. A permanent camp has been set up onsite, looking for support, and there will be other planned actions. The group is organising into working groups of Outreach and surveys, Direct action, camp support and Coming on Walks - with an early evening bat walk soon.

There's an XR Bath Signal chat group - please email us at bathxr@gmail.com for the link.

Campaign [facebook page](#) Press coverage [here](#) and [here](#)

PROTEST THE POLICE BILL Saturday 15 January

Bath rebels attended marches in Bath, Bristol and London.

In Bath:

Jane, Lizzie and others organised a protest march through the city centre at incredibly short notice - and it had huge support. Speeches from Lizzie, Ken Loach and others. [Insta](#) and [FB](#). [Speech](#) by Lizzie on FB

In Bristol:

Hundreds turned out with some Bath samba support too. [Article](#)

In London:

A good crowd of Bath rebels went armed with banner and placards. Mel organised a UK wide (nearly!) group of suffragettes in London - lots of press coverage: Guardian, Telegraph, Mail and elsewhere. [Twitter](#) [XR Bath FB](#)

And on Monday 17 January, peers in the House of Lords voted against 14 of the Police Bill laws. Fantastic result but lots more work to be done . . . [Article](#).

[GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK](#) on the POLICE BILL

Should police be given more power to control protests? Share your thoughts on the Police, Crimes, Sentencing & Courts bill

A message from the Kill the Bill chat on Telegram:

"Thank you to everyone sharing the digital rebellion action. Protests are super-important, but reaching out to Lords in overwhelming, never-before-seen numbers really made a difference . . . we had over 2,000 people call, write, & tweet at the Lords . . . 1,800 of those people alone sent nearly 13,500 emails . . . the person answering . . . was commenting that they'd never seen such an outpouring around one bill"

FUTURE & ONGOING ACTIONS/EVENTS/CAMPAIGNS/MEETINGS

LOCAL

XR BATH MEETING, Tues 25 January

The last meeting was held on zoom instead of meeting at St John's, due to covid and coldness. The meeting planned for Tuesday 25th January may go ahead at St John's, but we will decide later in the month. Watch this space.

XR ROADS REBELLION BANNER DROP, Sat 29 January

Nationwide. See [here](#) for more information.

XR BATH FUNDRAISER AT THE BELL, Friday 4 February 7pm doors open

We've been v lucky to get Gavin Osborne, singer/songwriter and social commentator. Plus DJ Zackie Chan.

INVITE YOUR MATES - SPREAD THE WORD - SHARE the [FB page](#) !

Buy tickets [here](#)

And volunteers needed 😊

Anyone willing to do an hour on the door? Any indoor decorators amongst us? Setting up before, clearing up after?



GREEN OUTREACH HUB

The **Green Outreach Hub** is planning its next event in Kingsmead Square for **Sat 12th February** with a fashion theme - including a clothes giveaway or swap, children's activities or dressing up box and top tips to ditch fast fashion and shocking facts.

Looking ahead to March - the proposed date is for **Sat 26th March (TBC)** with a pre COP15 biodiversity conference theme of 'ecosystems under threat'.

BATH COUNCIL JOURNEY TO NET ZERO [Q&A webinar](#), 24 Jan, 6-7pm

Push them in the right direction!

AVON PENSION FUND Investment Panel [meeting](#), Bath Guildhall, Friday 25th Feb at 2pm

Proposed action with banner drop. Please come and support.

BATH CLIMATE EMERGENCY CENTRE

Work continues on the CEC. For more information and to get involved email bathcec@gmail.com

Report from Sue Poole: Thanks to all who took part in the vote for the name - we are now 'Climate Action B&NES' - which was by far the most popular choice (we changed from Bath to B&NES to align with the council & give scope to host spaces beyond Bath). The group also decided to apply for charitable status to give longer term independence

and opportunities for financing the centre, and we are now working our way through the myriad of documents needed to make this a reality. As this is a lengthy process we are also talking with other organisations to see if we can partner with them in the short term to get into a space whilst the Charity Commission process is on-going.

For an inspirational insight into what a climate emergency centre could look like see Zero Carbon Guildford's [launch day](#)it is amazing !

WESTDOWN QUARRY AND ASHAM WOOD MEGA QUARRY

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JUST STOP OIL mtgs 1 and 7 Feb

Just Stop Oil is a civil resistance campaign aiming to get the UK Government to commit to no more licensing of fossil fuel exploration in the UK. As part of the development of the movement meetings have been held recently in both Bath and Bradford on Avon. Further introductory talks/meetings are taking place in Bath (Weston Methodist Church), 7pm Tues 1st Feb and Frome (Frome Cricket Club), 7pm Mon 7th Feb. No need to book and everyone is welcome. Info [here](#). If you'd like to know more please contact: nickclimatecrisis@protonmail.com

NATIONWIDE SHARKLAYS

Negative reviews of Barclays show them they need to stop driving the climate crisis. Provide feedback via negative reviews - [here](#).

BANKING ON BREAKDOWN

A [digital rebellion](#) blitzing coal giant Adani with emails. Convex is a London-based Insurance company that's refusing to rule out providing insurance to the disastrous Adani Carmichael coal mine.

DISCOBEDIENCE

An opportunity for you to combine disco and protest! You may have seen the Staying Alive routine (huge one on the beach at St Ives) - but there's more, including the Thriller routine we learnt for the Northern Drillers action in Glasgow. Great fun. Let's go huge in 2022. Let us (Stephanie or Annie) know via bathxr@gmail.com if you want to know more. There's a dance session every Sunday online at 12 - good fun, good exercise.

SUFFRAGETTES

The Suffragettes are planning more outings for the year ahead - keep your eyes peeled for more info in the Bath Chat group - or contact Mel to join the Signal Group. melc191919@gmail.com

XR TRADE UNIONISTS

A new group is forming very soon. Please contact us via xrbath@gmail.com for more info.

PREPARE FOR XR 2022!

XR UK 2022 STRATEGY

This Sunday 23 January will see release of the 2022 XR UK Strategy, via email. It will be followed by a virtual and in-person tour (depending upon Covid restrictions). The strategy includes a timeline for the year, with clear direction and focussed actions together with messages and resources to support your local and community groups.

XR's ADDRESS TO THE NATION

In 2022 XR is planning the largest act of civil resistance in UK history. We are calling for everyone to join us. Please share this 2 minute long [video](#) far and wide.

XR STRATEGY ROLL-OUT IN THE SOUTH WEST, Friday, 28 January from 18:00-21:00

In person presentation and discussion: Magdalen Room, Exeter Community Centre, 17 Saint David's Hill, Exeter, EX4 3RG

Meet the XR UK Strategy team and hear about the 2022 Extinction Rebellion strategy.

This is the only real world strategy roll-out meeting planned in the South West. We welcome XR groups from across our region to hear the presentation and join the discussion on how we can implement the strategy locally and across the SW.

Click 'going' on [Facebook](#) Book tickets [here](#)

XR Fundraiser for APRIL REBELLION

History tells us that ordinary people taking to the streets in civil resistance will be our best shot at saving our children's future. XR is rolling out a programme of door knocking, talks and trainings, leading up to a campaign of mass civil resistance in April 2022. We demand a future where citizens are at the centre of decision-making. When we come together in powerful numbers, change is inevitable!

As we rise up, we need your support.

£20 could pay for a first aid kit to help protect a locked on rebel from harm

£50 could pay for a young rebel to travel to the April uprising

£80 can buy a banner, to send a clear message of climate emergency


£400 can buy a portable PA speaker, to replace equipment seized by police

As the gravity of our situation finally dawns on our families, friends, and neighbours, we need to be ready to help them into action. That's where we all come in, and it's where your donation can make a huge difference as we work towards our next mass civil resistance in April 2022. We know another world is possible - one that repairs the harm, prepares for crises to come, prioritises togetherness and wellbeing.


Your donation will help realise that vision. Please Donate: <https://chuffed.org/project/xrapril2022>

PROJECT 3.5 MASS MOBILISATION TRAINING TONIGHT (6pm Weds 19 Jan) AND TOMORROW (Thurs 20 Jan)

Project 3.5 Introduction

 Everyone is in agreement: XR needs to grow. And if we're to grow at a scale and speed that will force the govt to sit up and take notice, this task requires our careful attention - and the spirit of curiosity and collaboration that gives XR its magic.

Local groups and working groups across the movement have been doing outreach since day 1 - but collectively we've never really prioritised the work of mobilisation.

 In 2022 this is changing, and building towards 3.5% on the streets will once again be our guiding strategic vision.

Project 3.5 is offering Local Groups a simple plan to complement this vision. We're rebels who've done loads of homework on outreach methods and organising models, and want to share this simple idea with you, hear what you think, and discuss whether it can work for your LG / County / Region.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86756758411?pwd=MHhGQWRvRy9scWtHdnI2QmthS0lrdz09>

Meeting ID: 867 5675 8411

Passcode: 751100

Project 3.5 training for Local Organisers, Thurs 20 Jan 6.30pm

  Upcoming Training for Local Organisers For Our New 3.5 Project

~ Anyone can join either training to get a full sense of the plan.

~ Organisers need to attend both trainings, the Volunteer training first!

Zoom : https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltdOmhzqopHtyLuZ_FPijrHT-vVG0zjgJY

ROLES VACANT - HELP REQUIRED, PLEASE

New UK regen circle and mandate... looking for regional reps including a Bath XR regen crew - contact me? Vicki via paratoi@protonmail.com

Welcome Group. Mel is running this single-handed and needs help! Doesn't require much time and is easily shared. Or if you'd like to take it on, that would work too!

Newsletter

This will be the last newsletter for the next few months!

I need to take a bit of a break! Is there anyone who could help with this? By collating info, for example?

It could be a completely different offering - it could just be a quick whip round past actions and news of what's coming up. Please let us know if you can help in any way at all bathxr@gmail.com

LISTENING

[Poem](#): What the Clyde said, after COP26 by renowned poet Kathleen Jamie

VIEWING

from Matt C: "HNY to all the Earth protectors in here, who did the best they could in 2021! My start to 2022 has been enriched by this (old) video, which has made me hopeful for the coming year. I hope it does the same for you."
<https://t.co/3e9RqFNwgW>

Death to 2021 "darkly comic retrospective" <https://www.netflix.com/gb/title/81478916>

Powerful short film on XR global- to share - to encourage friends to join XR
<https://twitter.com/extinction/status/1477215678197387264?s=21>

The Troublemaker. This is a film showing the perspectives of rebel Sylvia Dell rebel of Totnes and Roger Hallam - and a quick look back at previous XR rebellions - you'll spot a few Bath rebels in there. It's on Amazon unfortunately
https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/video/detail/B08Q4FPY1V/ref=atv_dp_share_cu_r

<https://inourhands.film/> People might know about this? But they've made the film available for people to organise small group viewings - and it may be available for individuals to download? Sounds interesting.

Don't Look Up

Anyone who hasn't seen Don't Look Up, here is the non-Netflix link <https://we.tl/t-xjyobameP4>.

Extreme Climate Risks: What are the worst-case scenarios?

How bad could climate change get? Could the worst-cases result in global catastrophe, or even long-term human extinction? With Prof Tim Lenton, one of the authors of the 'Future of the Human Climate Niche' paper from PNAS in 2020 and an expert in tipping points.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkDbCpn0_9I&t=2148s

Dr Carmody Grey, The Hook Lecture 2021 What do We Want to Sustain? Thinking about Faith and The Climate.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=DIEQeG3IRM4> Thought-provoking. And good speaker. Her view is that using terrifying climate facts and predictions (and even focussing on species loss, etc) hasn't worked - and won't work. She believes we need to tackle it on a deep emotional level to galvanise people - the need to belong, to be part of a community that's in danger of extinction - the planet will survive without us as will millions of species - but we won't - and the "Membership of the community of humanity has to be the fundamental form of belonging." I'm not sure I agree with all of that but it's making me question how I should frame conversations with friends. I've transcribed her talk if anyone wants to read it quickly - but she is a powerful speaker to watch. Transcription:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jx63kQ_RAg5D6bQCPwjxoQshx3ym_Iz-mj6oUgEtl/edit?usp=sharing

Talia Woodin: https://youtu.be/NPiJUE4uV_4

20 min collaborative multimedia project created by youth activist, photographer and filmmaker Talia Woodin followed by Q&A. An in-depth perspective of the **Global Youth Movement's** true take on COP!

https://youtu.be/IIEu-OW9_YA George Monbiot - the tipping point that will ruin the world

READING

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/gallery/2021/dec/29/our-house-was-gone-it-was-sea-and-sand-life-on-the-vanishing-coasts-in-pictures>

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/dec/28/at-least-18-peaceful-environmental-protesters-jailed-in-uk-this-year>

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/dec/31/climate-victories-2021-activism-shareholder-rebellions>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/dec/29/the-guardian-view-on-climate-activism-between-obedience-and-resistance>

The source paper for the bit on the Human Climate Niche, the original paper can be found here:

its not long and certainly makes for an interesting read

The Reason Humanity Is Losing The Climate Fight.

https://www.docserver3.co.uk/servlet/dsx?function=document_download&acc=1433&email=stephanie.laslett@gmail.com&docid=6040403

<https://www.currentaffairs.org/2021/12/the-age-of-imperialism-is-not-over-but-we-can-end-it> - this is brilliant article from Jason Hickel

26 FACTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE:

This is a recent & accessible list: <https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/26facts>

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XR GLOBAL NEWSLETTER [14 January](#)

XR SW CALENDAR

<https://xrsw.uk/xrevents/>

XR TALKS AND TRAINING

<https://www.facebook.com/XRUKTalksandTraining>

Please stay in touch bathxr@gmail.com

<https://xrbath.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/extinctionrebellionbath/>

<https://www.instagram.com/extinctionrebellionbath/>

<https://twitter.com/XRBath>

Please send details of any events, trainings, etc to calendar@xrbath.org.uk

We are now meeting up in person at St John's Church, St John's Road on alternate Tuesday evenings.

<https://xrbath.org.uk/events/>

Come and share a free vegan meal with us at 6pm, then talks, discussion, planning from 7pm to 9pm.

Contact us at welcome.bathxr@protonmail.com for more info.

Some working groups continue to meet via video conferencing.

If you have any access needs about XR Bath events or meetings, please contact us on welcome.bathxr@protonmail.com.

We want everyone who wants to be involved, to be able to be involved.

WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT ANYONE WHO IS STRUGGLING IN WHATEVER WAY.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO US. Vicki is on swrc@protonmail.com

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